

Romeo and Juliet

Act Five (study guide)

ACT FIVE - SCENE ONE

1. How does Romeo's dream, which he describes in his opening speech, compare with the news brought to him by Balthasar?

2. How does Romeo convince the apothecary to sell him poison?



3. What does he plan to do with the poison?

ACT FIVE - SCENE TWO

1. Explain the conversation between Friar Laurence and Friar John. Why has the letter not been given to Romeo?



2. What does Friar Laurence now plan to do?

ACT FIVE - SCENE THREE

1. Why does Paris come to Juliet's burial place?



2. What happens when Romeo and Paris meet?

3. Romeo enters the tomb and sees Juliet. He takes the poison, and no sooner does Romeo die, than Friar Laurence comes along - but too late. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JULIET WAKES UP?

4. Complete this paraphrase of Friar Laurence's speech.
(lines 229-269)

I will be _____, for I don't expect to _____ long. Romeo and Juliet are _____ and _____. I _____ them in _____, and that same day was _____ killed and _____ banished. Juliet pined for her bridegroom and not for _____. You (Capulet) while trying to make her _____ promised her to _____ and would have _____ her to marry him. Then she came to me asking that I _____ to prevent her second marriage, or she would have _____ herself right there in my cell. So I gave her a _____ which was intended to make her _____. Meanwhile, I wrote a letter to _____ telling him to come _____ to take _____ from her borrowed grave when the potion _____. But Friar John, who was sent to _____ the _____, was detained and brought the letter back to me. So I came alone at the time when Juliet was to _____ to take her from the vault and hide her in _____ until I could send another _____ to _____. When I got here, just a few minutes before _____ should awaken, I found both _____ and _____ dead. Juliet woke up, and I tried to get her to leave. I heard some _____ and was _____ away, but Juliet would not _____. It seems that she _____. This is the whole story, and Juliet's _____ also knew of the _____. If this is all my _____ let me be sacrificed to the full extent of the _____.

Definitions:

Poetic Justice-

Tragic Flaw-

5. Describe the conclusion of the drama and explain how poetic justice operates in the play.

6. What is Romeo and Juliet's tragic flaw? How does it lead to their destruction?

GENERAL

The entire course of action in this drama took place within five days. Starting with the first street brawl which occurred early Sunday morning.

